

Remarks

Claims 20 to 22 remain in this application.

Claim 21 has been rewritten to include the recitations of claim 23 and is believed to be allowable as indicated.

Claim 22 depends from claim 21 and is believed to be allowable for similar reasons.

Claim 20 has been rewritten to include the recitations of claims 31 and 32 and is believed to be allowable for similar reasons as claim 21.

Claim 31 had been rejected as being unpatentable over applicant's admitted prior art in view of Weiss and Boehm. As previously noted, Boehm shows only a coil unloader for accumulation or storing of a group or bank of coils. There is no teaching in Boehm of "a rotatable shaft. . . at least 2 receiving means mounted on opposite sides of said shaft, each said receiving means being positioned to engage a wound lap. . . and to rotate the engaged wound lap at least 180° onto said conveying belt. . ." nor is there any "lifting device for raising or lowering said shaft relative to said conveyor belt".

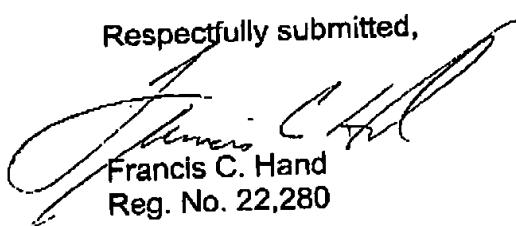
Further, JP '8184 shows a lifting device in combination with a rotating device for rotating a lap about 90°. The lap lies on a trough plate during movement. There is clearly no teaching for one of ordinary skill in the art for modifying the lifting device of JP '8184 to lift a lap from a conveyor belt and to rotate the lap "at least 180°" and to lower the rotated lap onto a conveyor belt. Weiss is also void of any such teaching.

In view of the above, amended claim 20 is believed to be allowable over the references of record and particularly JP '8184, Weiss and Boehm taken alone or in combination.

The application is believed to be in obvious condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

A request for a One-Month Extension of Time is being submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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